

DURHAM COUNTY WOMEN'S COMMISSION
MINUTES
January 24, 2001

Present: Beth Steenberg, Kate Green, Rebecca Bach, Linda Foreman, Veronica Hicks, SaDonna Johnson, Yolanda Mangum-Gordon, Gale Meyer, Stacy Shelp Peck, Kim Thornton, Adrienne Witherspoon

Kate Green opened the meeting and welcomed new members SaDonna Johnson and Veronica Hicks.

Minutes: accepted as presented

OLD BUSINESS

Advocacy Day: coming up January 30; those attending are: Kate, Adrienne and Rebecca; hopeful of connections with Wib Gulley and Jeanne Lucas

Goals: awareness by legislators of DCWC as a resource
opportunity to thank legislators for past support, funding
advocate for identified issues

Homework: committee assignments; bills in progress;

Re: Meeting with County Commissioner's: Beth and Kate will meet with Mike Ruffin; it was agreed we would need some preparation time before being part of a work session .

Adrienne stressed the need for education of policy makers re: the needs of women and the interconnection of vital community issues

Health Screenings: Kim reported on contact with the Health Dept. In July there will be screenings for breast and cervical cancer. The DCWC could "cosponsor" and help with PR, transportation etc. Yolanda and Kim were encouraged to pursue it. It was agreed that an educational component was vital.

Web Site: address is: www.durham.women.org

e-mail is: durham_women@hotmail.com

Thanks to Gail for lots of hard work on this project.

Staff and Space: Beth and Kate will talk with County Manager

Member Bio's—to Kim by next meeting !

Gender Equity on Boards and Commissions: Wake County is sponsoring a seminar on this issue and seeking help. Adrienne expressed interest and Beth will forward information.

NEW BUSINESS

Role of Vice Chair: Rebecca Bach introduced a phone tree for short-notice communications. She will also be the point person for projects such as the health screening collaboration.

Other Projects: members were encouraged to use the DCWC and members to support projects emanating from their own agencies and work.

Newsletter: next issue will include: Advocacy Day, the Web Site, women elected to office, spotlight on new members.

Member gaps: the group discussed types of members need for a truly representative commission: Hispanic women, low-income/welfare moms

NC Women United: a consortium of women's organizations that meet to facilitate communication and legislative networking; we will add them to our e-mail; members will try to attend meetings

Archivist: Kim agreed to serve as archivist of records and correspondences.

NEXT MEETING: Wednesday, FEB 28, 2001 6pm